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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventors : Törmälä et al.  
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For : BIOACTIVE AND BIODEGRADABLE  
COMPOSITES OF POLYMERS AND  
CERAMICS OR GLASSES AND METHOD  
TO MANUFACTURE SUCH COMPOSITES  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to issuing a First Official Action on the merits, please enter and consider the following amendments.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

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